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1. Prior to 6 November 1951, the headquarters of a Hungarian tank corps under the command of Major General Ugrai (fnu) was located on the second and third floors of the Park Hotel, Budapest. The general wore a khaki uniform with broad red stripes along the outside seams of his trousers, oak leaves on the collar of his blouse, and one gold star on his braided epaulets. In addition to the corps headquarters, the Park Hotel housed the Hq 38th AAA Div and, prior to the spring of 1951, the High Command of the AVH Border Guard Forces. The latter Command had been previously located on the fifth through seventh floors of the hotel. These floors were not later reoccupied. *

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2. [redacted] the corps' signal battalion and the personnel unit of corps headquarters staff were stationed in a new barracks installation in Pestszentloerinc (Q 48/H 61), from which guards for the Park Hotel were also occasionally furnished. The radio personnel of the corps headquarters received training twice a week in Pestszentloerinc.

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3. [redacted]
 tank corps had three divisions which were stationed in Esztergom (Q 48/Z 27),
 Gyoengyoes (Q 48/J 24) and Pétervárad (Q 49/J 37). [redacted] 25X1
 to these components as "tank divisions". **

4. The radio station of the corps headquarters contained one model R-7 and one model R-7-L radio set which maintained communication with the Ministry of National Defense and the components of the corps. The rear sides of the vehicles belonging to the corps headquarters were marked thus:

5. From conversations of officers and men at the radio station of the Hungarian Army General Staff in the Ministry of National Defense building, source learned that the ministry was composed of the following departments: Artillery Command, Political Department, Signal-Communications Department (híradó főosztály), Personnel Department, Training Department, Supply Command, and Army General Staff.

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[redacted] personnel of
 a guard battalion which was in the process of being activated in Budapest.
 The battalion was quartered in the former sheep barns of the Budapest
 livestock market northwest of the Koehénya-Fásos railroad station and south
 of Ióverseny Square. The battalion cadre personnel was still furnishing the
 quarters in early November. A total of 470 beds were set up. [redacted]
 [redacted] incoming shipments of light infantry arms, articles of clothing
 and bed linen. Officers said that the battalion would receive recruits on
 3 November 1951 and, following a three-month recruit training period, would
 assume guard duties at military installations and depots in Budapest.

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* [redacted] Comment. The reported corps headquarters brings the total of known corps
 headquarters in Hungary to three. The Hq III Corps is carried in Szekesfeher-
 var, and another corps headquarters activated in the fall of 1950, is carried
 in Kecskemet. [redacted]

** [redacted] Comment. The headquarters of a tank or mechanized division in Esztergom
 is known from previous reports. The headquarters of another tank or mechanized
 division may be located in Gyongyos because of the many tank and motorized
 troops previously reported there. And, [redacted]
 [redacted] it is also possible that still another tank or mechanized
 division may be assigned to the Tank Corps headquarters in Budapest.

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